

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, please make the following changes:

On Page 22, line 20, please replace the word “proximal” with –distal–, by replacing the sentence beginning on page 22, line 18 with the following rewritten sentence:

Vessel sealing device 100 comprises a cutting mechanism 140 located at the ~~proximal~~ distal end of device 100.

On Page 22, line 31, please replace the word “proximal” with –distal–, by replacing the sentence beginning on page 22, line 31 with the following rewritten sentence:

In addition, cutting mechanism 140 is fixed to the ~~proximal~~ distal end of tool body 135. Preferably shaft 130 and tool body 135 are made of one or more non-conductive materials.

On page 25, line 19, please replace the word “proximal” with –distal–, by replacing the sentence beginning on page 25, line 19 with the following rewritten sentence:

FIG. 10 shows the ~~proximal~~ distal end of one embodiment of a vessel sealing device in accordance with the present invention at 300.

On page 25, line 25, please replace the word “proximal” with –distal–, by replacing the sentence beginning on page 25, line 25 with the following rewritten sentence:

Alternatively, tool body 330 may comprise a blunt end at its ~~proximal~~ distal end instead of cutting mechanism 140.

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On page 28, in the sentence beginning on line 21, please, insert the word “be” between the words “may” and “guided” on line 22.

In some embodiments of the invention, sutures and suture needles for completing the anastomosis may be guided into proper position by suture guides located on the surface of seal 510 (not shown).

On page 35, line 3, please replace the word “proximal” with –distal--, by replacing the sentence beginning on page 35 line 3 with the following rewritten sentence:

Cutting mechanism 140 is coupled to the ~~proximal~~ distal end of tool body 135 so as to allow cutting mechanism 140 to change from a closed cutting configuration to an open delivery configuration.